

**A LIVELY FIGHT  
NEAR KIMBERLY.**

Many Boers Reported Killed and Wounded.

**THE BRITISH LOSS SMALL.**

Dispatches From Cape Town Record The Brush as Resulting Greatly in Favor of the British—Heroism of Eight Boers at Elandslaagte—Wounded at Dundee. About the retreat From Dundee.

Cape Town, October 25.—Evening—Official reports from Kimberly, dated Tuesday, state that Colonel Scott-Turner, with 270 men, proceeded northward to McFarlane's Farm, where they unscathedly met the Boers. At nine o'clock a party of Boers was seen on the right flank and was quickly scattered. Colonel Scott-Turner opening fire on them and several of the enemy being seen to fall. The enemy moved to a sand heap and opened fire on the British, who returned the fire.

Colonel Scott-Turner attempted to prevent the Boers from advancing against Colonel Murray, but was met with a heavy fire from a dam wall 600 feet to the left. At 11 o'clock Colonel Murray ordered 150 men of the Lancashire regiment to proceed to the north.

An armored train is already supporting Colonel Scott-Turner.

At midday Colonel Murray started also, with two field guns and two maxims and 70 minute men. One of the two British guns opened suddenly on the Boers, who were in an unfavorable position. The Boer artillery fire was brisk.

Another armored train was held in readiness. At 2 o'clock the second train was sent forward with additional ammunition.

The Lancashire Regiment behaved splendidly and Colonel Scott-Turner commanded them.

Commandant Botha and many Boers were killed. The British loss was three killed and twenty-one wounded. The engagement was a brilliant success for the British forces.

**INCIDENTS OF THE BATTLES.**

London, October 27.—A dispatch from Utrecht, Transvaal Republic, says: "The fighting at Glencoe lasted nine hours. The burghers say that they never witnessed such a fight. General Lucas Meyer's force of 6,000 men, with 80 guns, was several times repulsed."

Durban, Natal, October 27.—An interesting incident in connection with the Elandslaagte fight is reported here. When the fire of the British guns became too hot, eight Boers ran forward out of cover and, standing together, coolly opened fire on the Imperial Light Horse, with the evident purpose of drawing the latter's fire while their comrades retired. Seven out of the brave eight were killed.

**THE WOUNDED AT DUNDEE.**

London, October 27.—The Colonial Office has made public this cablegram from Governor Hutchinson, dated Pietermaritzburg, October 26:

"The following telegram has been received from Greytown, from D. Greig, a resident of Dundee, formerly in the telegraph service:

"I left Dundee this morning. General Symonds died on Monday at 5 p. m. and was buried the following morning, close to the English church, by the Rev. W. Dally. There was a firing party, and a few medical officers and a few civilians attended the funeral. There were no Boers. Colonel Eckert, Majors Boothbee, Hammersley and Nugent, and also Cron, Johnston and Ryan are improving. The Boers occupied Dundee Monday afternoon."

**THE RETREAT FROM GLENCOE.**

Cape Town, October 26.—[Delayed].—The story of the retreat from Glencoe and Dundee shows that the British were forced to move their camp twice in order to get out of the range of the excellent Boer practice. Just as they had decided to evacuate the second camp, a shell killed two soldiers.

When General Buller heard of the battle of Elandslaagte he sent a squad of Hussars under Colonel Knox and a battery of artillery to intercept the Boers at Biggarsberg. The artillery succeeded in shelling the Boers as they were retreating over the Umqali mountain, killing and wounding many; but the artillerymen were forced to retire by the rifle fire of the enemy.

**THREATENING THE NATIVES.**

Cape Town, October 27.—A telegram from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, dated Monday, says:

"A Boer force is threatening Chief Khama and Chief Linche, who are loyal to Great Britain. Their country lies at the extreme northeast of the Transvaal and includes Bechuanaland. It seems a gross mistake for the Boers to provoke war among the natives. The probable explanation that the Boer force intends to destroy the railway to Bulawayo, which runs through Khama's country, and thus prevent any attempt of Colonel Plimmer's Rhodesian force to go to the relief of Mafeking. Already they have been stories of a Rhodesian armored train engaging the Boer forces some distance north of Mafeking."

**REPORTS 500 KILLED.**

London, October 27.—The magistrate at Vryburg is responsible for a report made to Premier Schreiner, at Cape Town, that 513 Boers were killed at Mafeking.

Lourenzo Marquez, October 27.—The following dispatch has been received here from Pretoria, filed yesterday:

"The government has issued a proclamation declaring that no rents or interest on bonds can be claimed during the continuance of martial law, nor within a certain fixed period after the repeal of the same."

"The Boers at Vryburg have secured a quantity of ammunition. Commandant Schreiner has seized Krugersdorp and destroyed the railway bridge there. "President Kruger is in excellent health."

London, October 27.—A special dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated on October 24, says: "Nine hundred and eighty-eight Boer prisoners arrived here this morning. They include Captains Desitt, Hanner, Fighius, Dorey, Van Legger and Dotner."

**NO FRANCO-RUSSIAN INTERVENTION.**

Paris, October 27.—An authoritative statement was issued this afternoon formally denying the rumor of intended Franco-Russian intervention in the Transvaal war, and declaring that France has no ground and no desire for any such intervention at present and that Russia is most likely placed in the same position, adding that Germany is the only power directly concerned in the matter.

Manila, October 27.—10 P. M.—An informal meeting was held here this evening of men proposing to proceed to South Africa to fight for the British. Over a hundred Englishmen, Australians and Americans decided to go. They organized a party and believe they can secure 200 more men. The volunteers include ex-soldiers, frontiersmen, Englishmen familiar with the Transvaal, and commercial clerks.

**ANXIETY IN  
DIPLOMATIC  
CIRCLES.**

What Would be Uncle Sam's Attitude In Case of Foreign Interference in South Africa.

**NO AVOIAL OF PURPOSE MADE.**

But Foreign Powers Can Understand That This Government is not indifferent and In Assuming a Position of Neutrality Expects Them to be Neutral Also.

**FRIENDLY TO GREAT BRITAIN.**

Washington, Oct. 28.—There is considerable anxiety in diplomatic circles concerning the attitude of the United States in case of any interference on the part of other powers with respect to the British Transvaal war. The policy of this government is not such as to demand an avowal of purpose in advance of developments requiring action. This government will not, it is said, make an avowal on a hypothetical case, but the way is left plainly open to the interference of foreign powers. Some diplomatic efforts are being made to get closer down to what the intentions of the United States are, and what course would be followed should intervention on the part of any of the powers be attempted. It is said that no direct response has been made to such inquiries, and yet the representatives are not left any excuses for misunderstanding our attitude.

The attitude of Great Britain toward the suggestions of other powers in our war with Spain may be accepted as having a counterpart in our attitude should a similar move be made at this time with respect to the Transvaal.

It is well understood that the fear of Great Britain and the danger of all the powers becoming involved in a war prevented intervention when Spain was in distress. There would be no less danger of serious international complications should intervention be undertaken in the Transvaal without the approval of the United States. As far as known it was not necessary for Great Britain to make any threats nor to avoid her purpose in advance in order to convince other powers that intervention was not wise. The mere fact that she would not join in such a movement was sufficient.

All the powers of Europe know that the United States will not join in any interference in the Transvaal, nor follow any course hostile to the interests and wishes of Great Britain in a matter not involving injury to American citizens. It is well understood also that our interests in the affairs of the civilized world preclude our ignoring any movement of the combined powers which might involve the well-being of all nations and disturb general commercial relations.

With this to go on, it is believed that foreign powers will have no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that our attitude is not that of indifference, and in ourselves assuming a position of neutrality we anticipate that all other powers will be neutral. The interests of the United States might be seriously threatened by the general disturbance of European politics, which would follow an attempt at intervention in the Transvaal. It is regarded as hardly possible that a conflict of the powers could be provoked which would not spread so as to involve all the questions of national supremacy, disturbing the balance of power and including the Chinese question where the interests of this government are important.

The attitude of the United States in reference to the Transvaal matter is described as that of a preserver of peace in the broader sense, and as a neutral power it could not be indifferent to a departure from strict neutrality on the part of other powers not directly involved in the Transvaal war.

**Famous Inventor Dead.**

Baltimore, October 18.—Ottmar Mergenthaler, the inventor of the Linotype typesetting machine, died this morning of consumption. He was born in Germany May 10, 1854.

**Doubles the Wear.**

The wear of Devco lead and zinc is doubled by zinc grinding.

**DISSENSION IN  
THE FREE STATE.**

Differences Among Boers Reported.

**THE LULL IN NEWS BROKEN.**

A Message from Ladysmith Tells of the Shelling of a British Patrol Nine Miles From There—Foreshadowed an Engagement Which May Have Been Fought. Little Light on The Situation.

London, October 28.—According to a special dispatch from Cape Town, received here, today, rumors of dissension at Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State, have reached Cape Town. It is said a movement is on foot to depose President Steyn and install Mr. Kruger as President.

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH. London, October 28.—The lull in the news from Ladysmith, Natal, which was beginning to be regarded as ominous, has at length been broken by a Cape Town dispatch under this morning's date, saying:

"Scouts from Modderspruit having reported the Boers in force on the Helpmakaar road, General White ordered out a strong force of mounted infantry and cavalry. A small patrol of mounted infantry was shelled by the Boers nine miles from Ladysmith, and the Boer position was firmly located three miles beyond Modderspruit. The British force is four miles from the Boers."

The dispatch does not give the date of the above occurrence, but it must have been since Thursday, when the last news arrived from Ladysmith; so the Boers advanced from Dundee southward and from Bester's station eastward evidently proceeded steadily, and the engagement foreshadowed by the above dispatch may already have been fought.

The other news from the front does not enlighten the situation in Natal. Fragmentary details are arriving of the occupation of Dundee by the Boers. It is alleged that twenty men of the town guard occupied an outpost a couple of miles from the town, when a Boer shell dislodged them and the men fled to a neighboring hill, where 300 Boers surrounded them and shot the majority.

The Boers then entered Dundee, dragged several civilians out of their houses and pistolled them in the streets. A DEMONSTRATION STORY. As a pendant to the above comes a story from Cape Town to the effect that several cases of dumdum bullets were found by the Boers at Dundee, which the British abandoned in the fight. Some of the Boers wanted to use the dumdums in the next battle, but President Kruger vetoes this, saying:

"No it must not be so. Whatever the British are, we Boers are, and what course would be followed should intervention on the part of any of the powers be attempted. Further details from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, show that the armored train from there on October 17, sent towards Mafeking under the command of Lieutenant Lleydlyn, not within seven miles of Lobatse, when the British found the railroad badly damaged. Boers were visible on hills in the vicinity. Lobatse had been looted. The train encountered the Boers three miles south of Crocodile Pools, and the British opened fire with their Maxims and drove the Boers back to the hills whence they had advanced. Besides eight men killed, the Boers lost eleven horses."

THE FIGHT OF TUESDAY. London, October 29.—The War Office posted at midnight an official report of the fight at Kimberly on Tuesday last, giving the British casualties as three privates killed; Lieutenants R. A. McClelland of the Royal Engineers; J. G. Lowndes, and C. H. Bingham and 16 privates wounded.

**DEWEY TO BE MARRIED.**

His Engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen Announced.

Washington, October 30.—Admiral Dewey announced to some of his more intimate friends tonight the fact of his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen of this city.

Mrs. Hazen is the widow of General Hazen, formerly chief signal officer of the army, who died about ten years ago, and is a sister of John R. McLean, Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio.

Mrs. Hazen has no children, and since her husband's death has made her home with her mother. She is a woman of large means, about forty years of age, and popular in the best social circles of Washington.

The date of the wedding has not been fixed.

**GIGANTIC CAR ORDER.**

Pennsylvania and New York Central Place Contracts for 15,000 at a Cost of About \$12,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., 28.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the New York Central Railroad Company have just placed orders for coal and freight cars to the number of 15,000, the aggregate cost of which will be about \$12,000,000. The order placed by the Pennsylvania Company with the Pressed Steel Car Company calls for 4000 box cars and 1500 gondolas of 80,000 pounds capacity each. The order of the New York Central is for 4000 coal cars of 80,000 pounds capacity, 5000 box cars and 500 flat cars, 60,000 pounds capacity each. The money value of the orders thus given the Pressed Steel Car Company, in round numbers, is \$2,500,000.

The orders for wooden cars will be distributed between the Pullman Company, the Baltimore Car Company, the Erie Car Company and the American Car and Foundry Company.

**BRITISH SUFFER  
HEAVY REVERSE.**

Troops Surrounded And Captured.

**FORCED TO CAPITULATE.**

The British Suffered Heavy Losses Before They Surrendered—Gen. White Takes Sole Responsibility for Sending Two Regiments and a Battery to an Untenable Position—Another Battle Yesterday.

Cape Town, October 31.—12:10 p. m.—The South African publishes the following dispatch: Ladysmith, October 31.—A battle is proceeding at the foot of Umbanbani, a few miles from Ladysmith. Several shells have dropped into the town.

**THREE COMMANDS CAPTURED.**

London, October 31.—The War Office has received a dispatch from General White, commanding the British forces at Ladysmith, reporting that the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain Battery and the Gloucestershire Regiment were surrounded in the hills by the Boers and, after losing heavily, obliged to capitulate. General White says that the casualties have not yet been ascertained.

The following is the text of General White's dispatch to the War Office: Ladysmith, October 30.—10:35 p. m.—I have to report a disaster to the column sent by me to take a position on a hill to guard the left flank of the troops. In the operations today the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain Battery and Gloucestershire Regiment were surrounded in the hills, and after losing heavily had to capitulate. The casualties have not yet been ascertained.

A man of the Fusiliers employed as an orderly came in under a flag of truce with a letter from the survivors of the column, who asked for assistance to bury the dead. I fear that there is no doubt of the truth of the report.

I formed a plan in the carrying out of which the disaster occurred, and I am alone responsible for the plan. There is no blame whatever to the troops, as the position was untenable. General White in a subsequent dispatch gives the names of the officers taken prisoners. They number 42, of whom five were wounded.

**Used by British Soldiers in Africa.**

Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galshe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by JOHN E. JACKSON.

**Wanted.**

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GEO. SHAPER, Supl.

Oct. 20th, 11.

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LOCAL ITEMS.**

WHAT HAS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED IN THE COUNTIES OF THIS SECTION.

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Joseph Atkins, Esq., one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Marion, Va., dropped dead on last Friday afternoon at about five o'clock. The cause of his death was apoplexy.

The Carnival Committee of Bristol, Va-Tenn., had expected to hold the annual Carnival and Street Fair early in November, but it may be abandoned for this year.

The Trustees of Sullins College, at Bristol, Va., have decided to reopen the college on the 13th of this month. The school was suspended last month on account of the smallpox. The prospects of the college at the reopening are said to be good.

At Norton, Va., on last Friday, John Baker shot and killed Constable Gibson. They had a quarrel at the county election last May, and ill feeling had existed between them since that time. There is a difference of opinion as to which was the aggressor. Both men were armed, but Gibson did not shoot. Baker made his escape.

There was a bad freight wreck on the N. & W. road at Marykensaw siding, two miles west of Max Meadows on last Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. Two freight trains were westbound. The front section had stopped to do some shuffling and the rear section ran into the front one. The front train did not know it was followed by another and had out no flagman. Mr. R. H. Ryan, relief agent at Max Meadows, was in the caboose of the front train, and was killed. The fireman and engineman put on the air brakes and jumped. The engineer escaped without serious injury, but the fireman was so badly injured that he is not expected to recover.

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The way that the expansion sentiment at the South is growing must be very discouraging to Mr. Bryan and the advocates of anti-expansion.

Admiral Dewey stood up bravely before all the hero worshipers that gathered around him after his return to this country, but was forced to ground arms and surrender to a charming widow.

The commercial situation continues to improve and is the most wonderful the country has ever enjoyed. Our Democratic friends now admit that prosperity has arrived. The only criticism they make is that they fear it is too good to last.

There are ninety independent legislative candidates in Virginia. This is a pretty large revolt against the machine. The revolt may not succeed this time, but it will continue and grow until we will have, we hope, honest politics in Virginia.

Mr. Bryan slandered Thomas Jefferson for a long time, trying to make the public believe that Jefferson was for the wild theories of Bryan. Now he is slandering Abraham Lincoln, by asserting that if he were alive he would endorse the views of Mr. Bryan on the money question.

President McKinley attended the launching of the Shubrick at Richmond on Tuesday, and was most enthusiastically received and cheered by vast crowds of the people of that city. At the shipyard he was introduced by Mayor Taylor and made a grand speech. We will publish that speech in our next issue.

The Lynchburg News says: "The Boston Herald, independent, expresses the decided conviction that President McKinley does not measure up to the requirements of the present crisis in American history." The people will think that Boston paper an independent fool for expressing such a conviction.

The Richmond Times is in danger of being sued for libel. In its Sunday issue it undertook to print the pictures of Hon. B. F. Buchanan, who will be elected Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Virginia, and of Past Grand Commander James H. Capers. The Times got the cuts and names so mixed that Buchanan and Capers don't know "tother from which." They both claim to be injured in their reputation for looks, and a jury may be called on to determine the extent of the damage to their reputation for beauty.

The New York Times of Monday in its financial column contained a glowing account of the wonderful industrial prosperity that prevails in the Southern States. This condition of prosperity it shows embraces agriculture, banking, manufacturing and transportation companies. The undisputed evidence of the prosperity of the South is dilated on by newspapers of this section, but they continue to advocate policies that would destroy existing business conditions, if adopted.